

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The North American Indian Women's Association, Inc. (NAIWA), is a nonprofit membership, educational, and service organization established in 1970 for the purpose of promoting among North American Indian people, the betterment of home, family life and community; health and education; inter-tribal communication, and awareness of Indian culture; and,

*Whereas*, The NAIWA preamble states, "We, North American Indian Women, with quiet dignity and pride, inherent with our heritage, unite with the determination to promote, through unity of purpose, the general well-being of Indian People;" and,

*Whereas*, Native women from across the nation and Canada will assemble to "Wicozani, the Healing of Mind and Body Through the Essence of Spirit," which is the theme for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference to be held in the Paha Sapa (Black Hills) of South Dakota; and,

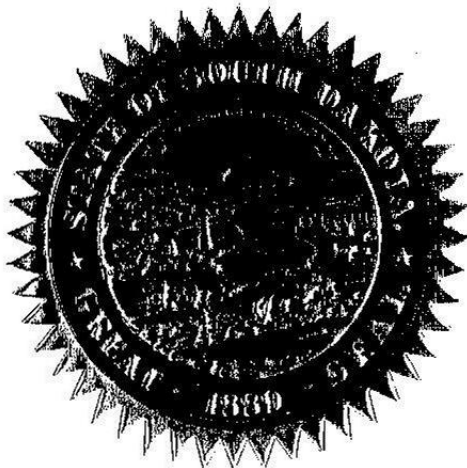
*Whereas*, The conference will be held on June 7-10, 2010, with welcome addresses by Sharon Lee, Vice-Chair of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe; Diane Booth, Vice-President of the South Dakota Chapter of the North American Indian Women's Association; Marcella LeBeau, founding member of the NAIWA; and all members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to welcome you and share the pride that South Dakotans have in the Native American heritage within the state:

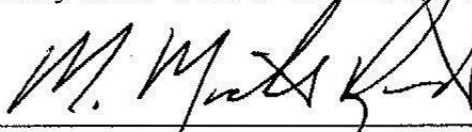
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 7-10, 2010, as

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in South Dakota, and I call upon the citizens of this state to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Native Americans in the development and character of our state and nation.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State